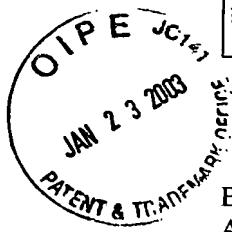


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 RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Case Docket No. 8169M

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 Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Inventor(s): McCutchan, et al. Confirmation No. 3927

Serial No.: 09/905,540 Group Art Unit: 1761

Date Filed: July 13, 2001 Examiner: D.E. Becker

Title: A KIT CONTAINING A SNACK FOOD AND DIP-CONDIMENT

- No additional fee is known to be required.
- The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM						+ \$280 = \$
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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 5, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This response answers the office action dated December 5, 2002.

IN THE SPECIFICAITON

At page 1, line 6, please remove the following: "Case 8169P,".

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 7-16 without prejudice.

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1. (Amended) A kit for containing both a plurality of snack pieces and a dip-condiment, said kit comprising:

a canister;

a plurality of snack pieces contained within said canister, wherein [at least one of said plurality of] the snack pieces [having] have an average projected area [greater than] of at least about 1300 mm²;

a tub attached to said canister; and

a dip condiment held within said tub;

wherein said kit has a space efficiency greater than about 0.1 g/cm³.

17. (Amended) A kit for containing both a plurality of snack pieces and a dip-condiment, said kit comprising:

a canister having a bottom wall and at least one side wall attached to said bottom wall, an opening defined by said at least one side wall and disposed at an end opposite said bottom wall;

a plurality of snack pieces contained within said canister, the snack pieces having an average projected area of at least about 1300 mm²;